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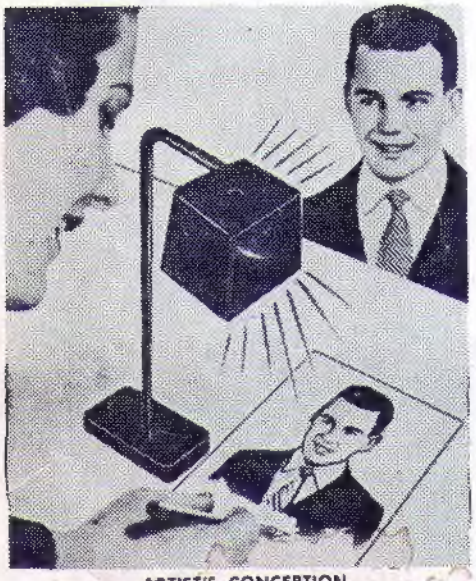

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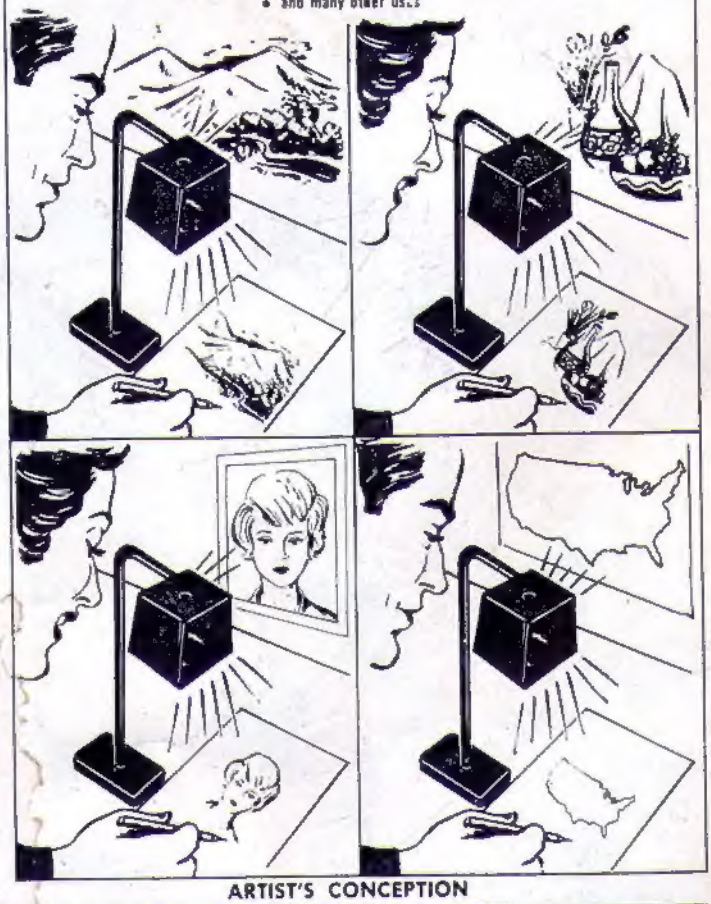

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CAPTAIN ATOM

THE GREMLINS FROM PLANET BLUE
PART 1

NASA HAD PLANNED A ROUTINE ORBITAL SPACE FLIGHT WITH FLEDGLING ASTRONAUT MIKE CRANDALL AT THE CONTROLS... BUT SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG AS SO MANY THINGS HAD GONE WRONG WITH OUR SPACE PROGRAMS RECENTLY! CAPTAIN ATOM HAD JUST REACHED THE UNCONSCIOUS ASTRONAUT IN TIME...

WHO ARE THESE CREATURES? THEIR TELEVIEWER IS FOCUSED ON CAPTAIN ATOM AND THE WRECKED SPACE SHIP..DID THEY CAUSE THE DAMAGE? WHAT IS THEIR INTEREST IN PLANET EARTH'S SPACE PROGRAM?

THERE! THAT CREATURE HAS INTERVENED TIME AFTER TIME TO PREVENT OUR PLANS FROM SUCCEEDING!

WE MUST DESTROY HIM.

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IN RESPONSE TO THOUSANDS OF LETTERS FROM ANXIOUS FANS, CAPTAIN ATOM, THE GREATEST ACTION CHARACTER IN COMICS, HAS BEEN REUNITED WITH THE MOST TALENTED COMIC ARTIST, *STEVE DITKO!* AND THAT BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE GLISTENING FIRMAMENT OF WRITING GENIUSES, *JOE GILL*, TO BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING TRUER-THAN-LIFE-TALE! OUR INKER IS THE SCIENTIFIC ELECTRONIC MARVEL WHOSE OCCASIONAL FLUBS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO POWER FAILURE, *ROCKE MASTROSERIO!* AND NOW COMES THE LETTERER WHO WORKS FOR US WHEN HE'S NOT ENGRAVING PLATES FOR THE COUNTERFEITERS, *JON D'AGOSTINO*

NONE OF THESE "ACCIDENTS" JUST HAPPENED... ***SOMETHING OR SOMEONE*** IS SABOTAGING OUR SPACE PROGRAM!

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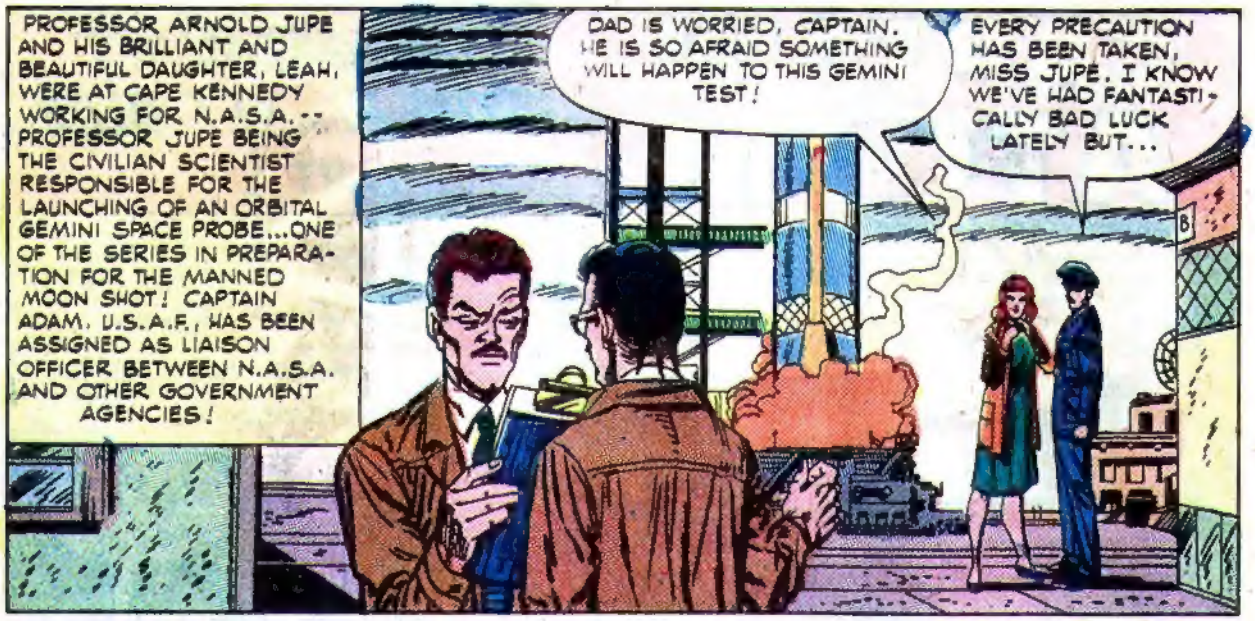
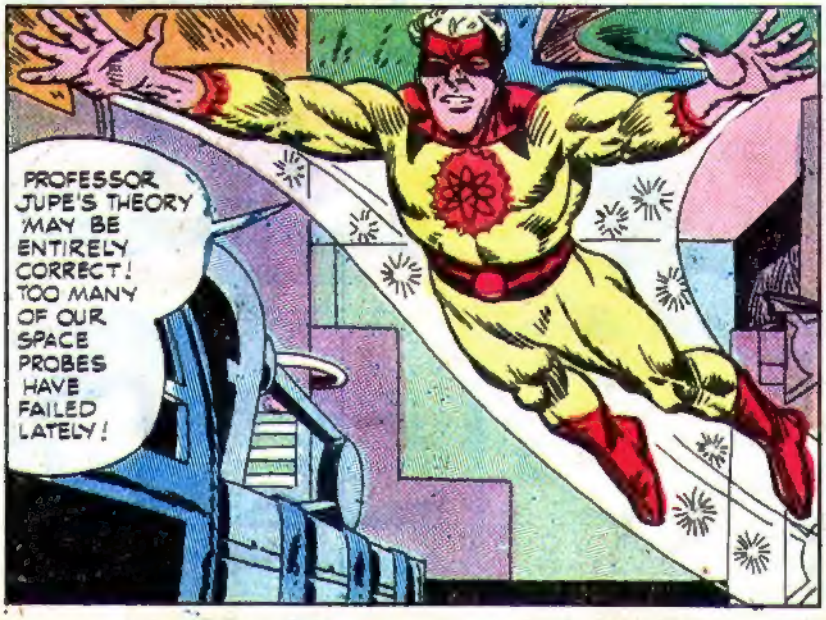

PROFESSOR ARNOLD JUPE AND HIS BRILLIANT AND BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER, LEAH, WERE AT CAPE KENNEDY WORKING FOR N.A.S.A.--PROFESSOR JUPE BEING THE CIVILIAN SCIENTIST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LAUNCHING OF AN ORBITAL GEMINI SPACE PROBE...ONE OF THE SERIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE MANNED MOON SHOT! CAPTAIN ADAM, U.S.A.F., HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN N.A.S.A. AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES!
DAD IS WORRIED, CAPTAIN. HE IS SO AFRAID SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN TO THIS GEMINI TEST!
EVERY PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN, MISS JUPE. I KNOW WE'VE HAD FANTASTICALLY BAD LUCK LATELY BUT...

DAD HAS BEEN WORKING MUCH TOO HARD...IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, IT MAY AFFECT HIS HEALTH!
SINCE I'M HERE TO ASSIST YOUR FATHER IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, THEN I'D BETTER MAKE DOUBLY SURE WE DON'T HAVE ANY MALFUNCTIONS!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME A MOMENT! TELL YOUR FATHER I'LL REJOIN HIM IN A FEW MOMENTS...
COUNTDOWN IS RESUMED! 59 SECONDS... 58...57...


PROFESSOR JUPE'S THEORY MAY BE ENTIRELY CORRECT! TOO MANY OF OUR SPACE PROBES HAVE FAILED LATELY!

AND IN SPACE, MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY...
A MALFUNCTION IN THE SECOND STAGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LAUNCH WILL DESTROY THE CAPSULE...AND DISCOURAGE THE SCIENTISTS WHO PLANNED THIS!
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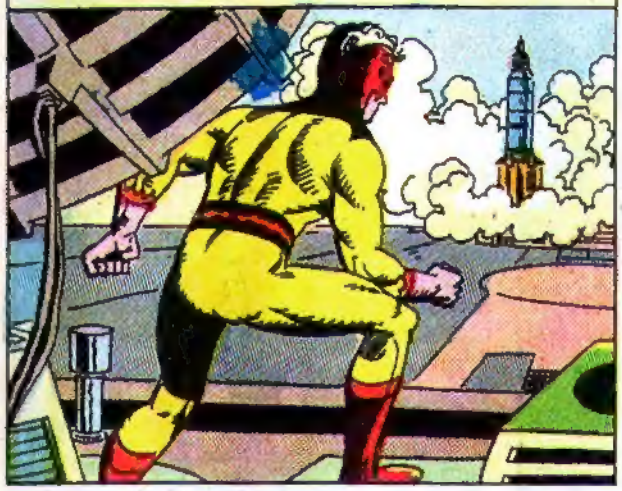
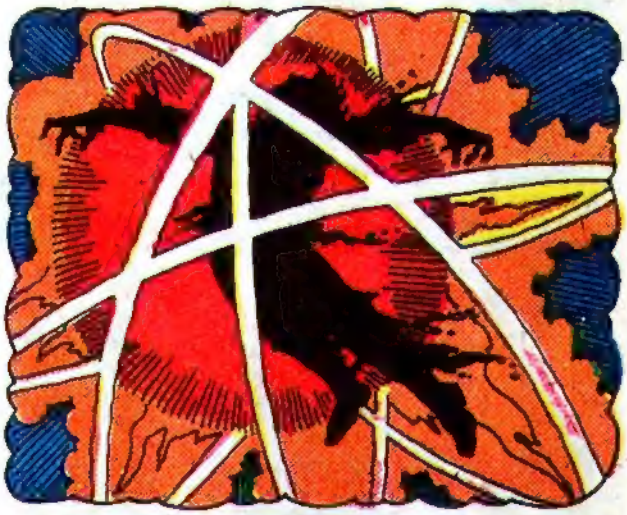
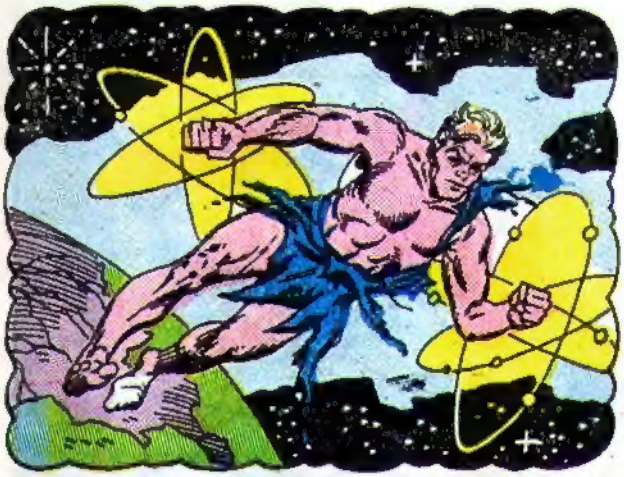
COUNT-DOWN COMPLETE...AND LIFT-OFF! WATCHING THE MASSIVE PROJECTILE SLOWLY LEAVING THE LAUNCH PAD, CAPTAIN ATOM ALERTS EVERY FACULTY...READY TO PREVENT ANY MAL-FUNCTION BEFORE IT HAPPENS!



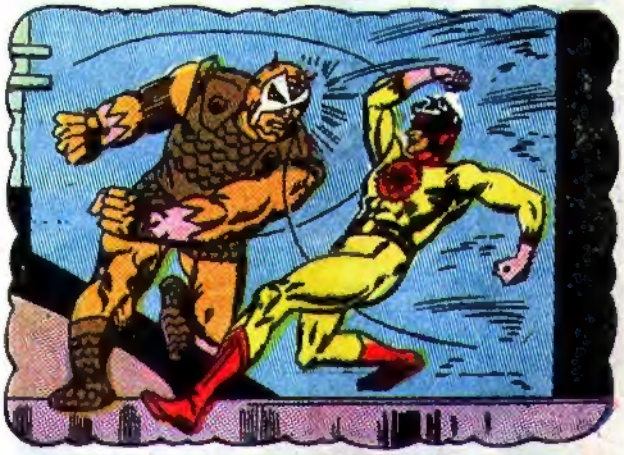
THIS MAN...WHO WAS CAPTAIN ADAM, U.S. AIR FORCE...AND WHO WAS OBLITERATED IN A SPLIT SECOND OF BLINDING, DISINTERGRATING ATOMIC HEAT...



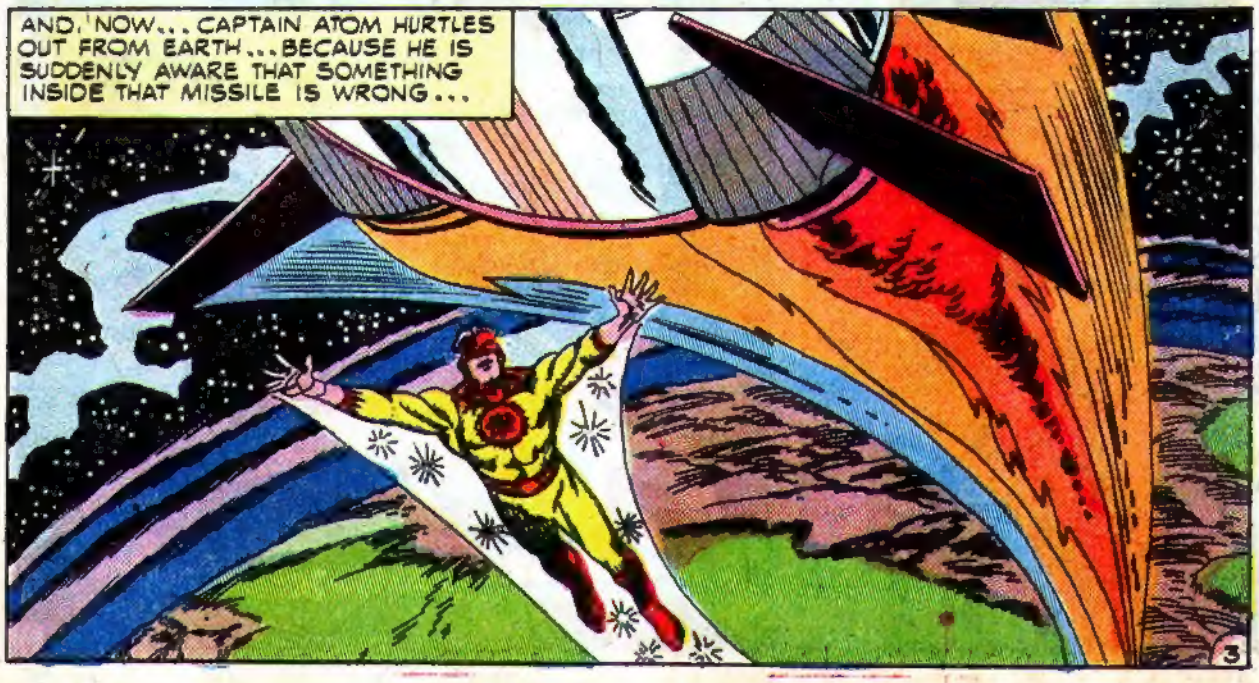
...CAPTAIN ATOM SEEMED TO SURVIVE THAT BLAST! BUT HE WAS NOT AS BEFORE WHEN HE EMERGED FROM THE ATOMIC FIREBALL! NO... HE WAS CHARGED WITH UNLIMITED NUCLEAR POWER...

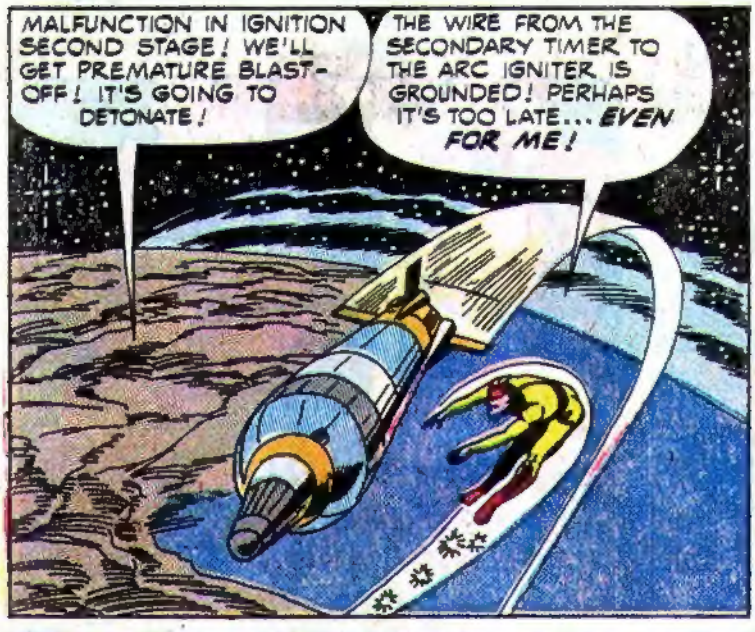


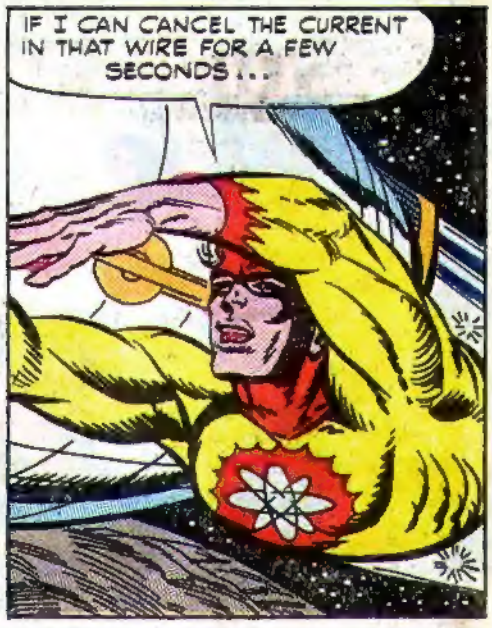
...AND THIS POWER ENABLED HIM TO HURTLE THROUGH SPACE AT FANTASTIC SPEEDS! ALMOST INDESTRUCTIBLE, WITH SUPERIOR VISION, HEARING, AND STRENGTH, HE BECAME THE CHAMPION OF GOOD MEN...AND THE ENEMY OF EVIL EVERYWHERE!

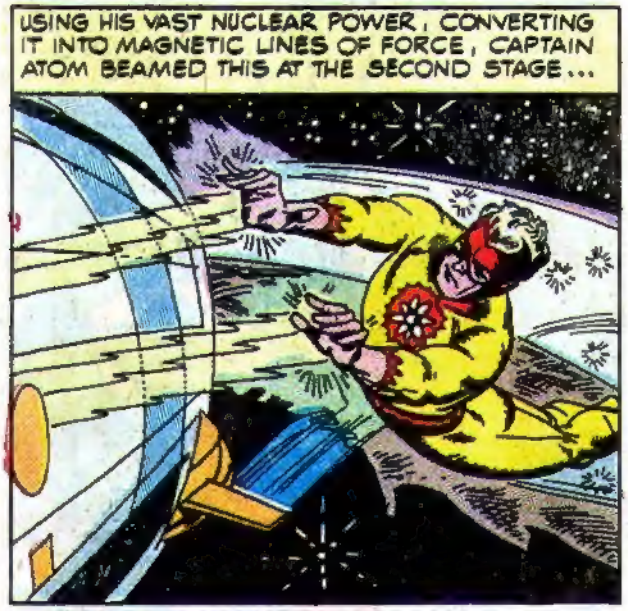


AND, NOW...CAPTAIN ATOM HURTLES OUT FROM EARTH...BECAUSE HE IS SUDDENLY AWARE THAT SOMETHING INSIDE THAT MISSILE IS WRONG...

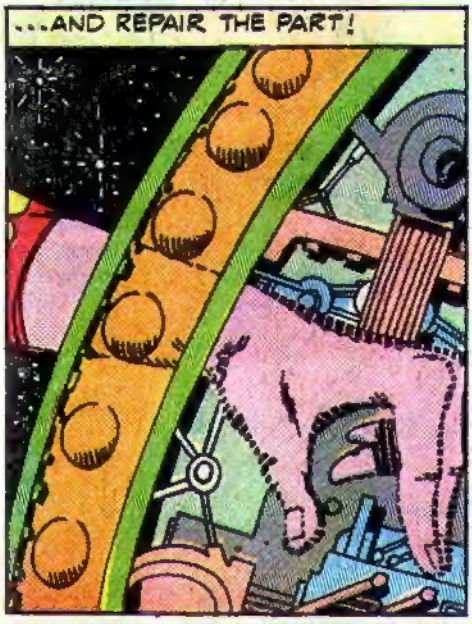


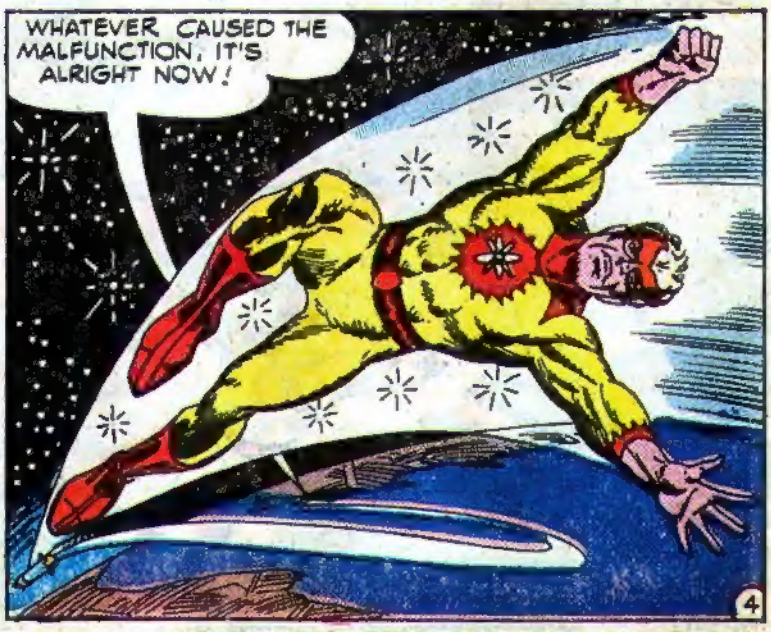

MALFUNCTION IN IGNITION SECOND STAGE! WE'LL GET PREMATURE BLAST-OFF! IT'S GOING TO DETONATE!
THE WIRE FROM THE SECONDARY TIMER TO THE ARC IGNITER IS GROUNDED! PERHAPS IT'S TOO LATE... EVEN FOR ME!





MOVING MAGNETIC LINES SET UP COUNTER-ELECTRIC CURRENTS IN THE DEFECTIVE WIRE... GIVING CAPTAIN ATOM A FEW SECONDS TO REACH IN THROUGH THE METALLIC SKIN...





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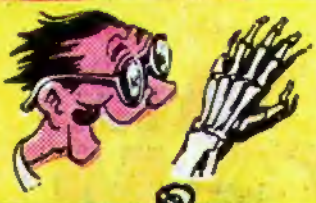

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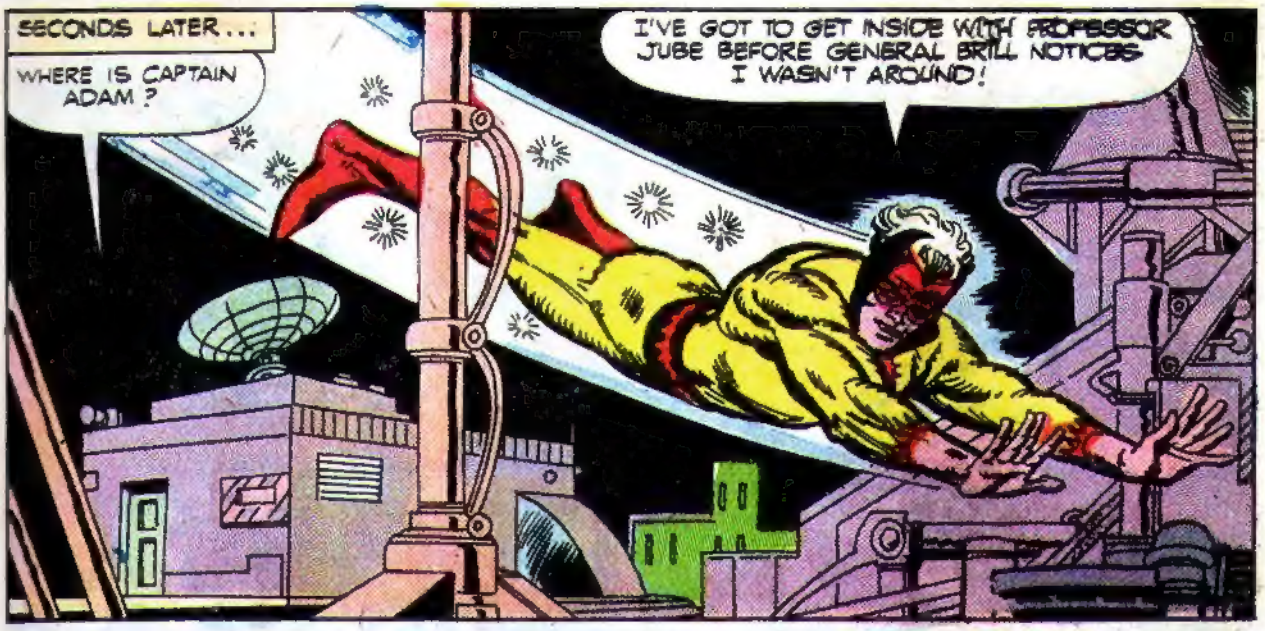
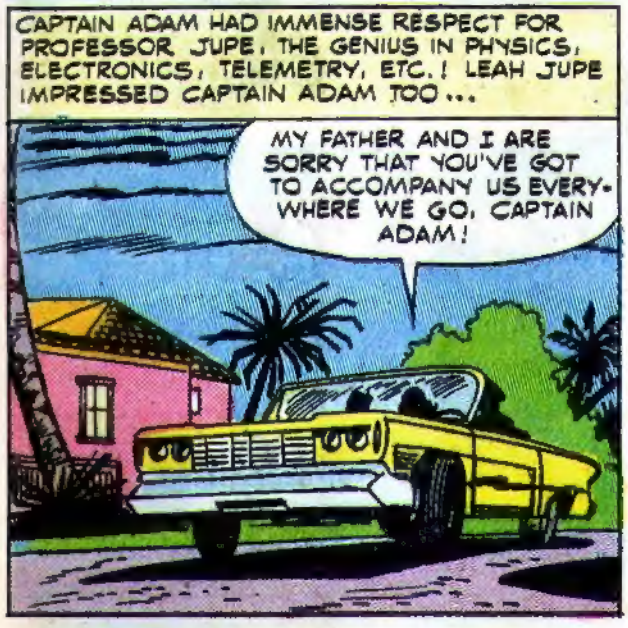
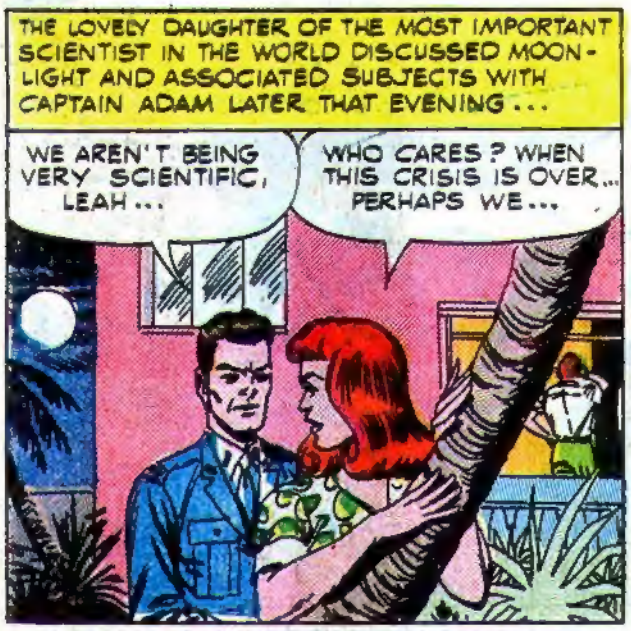

SECONDS LATER...
WHERE IS CAPTAIN ADAM?
I'VE GOT TO GET INSIDE WITH PROFESSOR JUBE BEFORE GENERAL BRILL NOTICES I WASN'T AROUND!

...AND I TOLD CAPTAIN ADAM I WAS AFRAID SABOTAGE WOULD BE ATTEMPTED! I BELIEVE ALL OF THESE MALFUNCTIONS ARE CAUSED BY SOMETHING OR SOMEONE...
WHERE IS CAPTAIN ADAM? I'LL COURT-MARTIAL HIM IF HE...
I'M HERE, GENERAL BRILL!

ESCORT PROFESSOR JUPE AND HIS DAUGHTER TO THE SPECIAL QUARTERS NASA HAS PROVIDED IN AREA 4! STAY WITH THEM EVERY MOMENT... HE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN OUR NATIONAL SPACE PROGRAM!
YES, GENERAL! I'LL LOOK AFTER THEM!


CAPTAIN ADAM HAD IMMENSE RESPECT FOR PROFESSOR JUPE, THE GENIUS IN PHYSICS, ELECTRONICS, TELEMETRY, ETC.! LEAH JUPE IMPRESSED CAPTAIN ADAM TOO...
MY FATHER AND I ARE SORRY THAT YOU'VE GOT TO ACCOMPANY US EVERYWHERE WE GO, CAPTAIN ADAM!

I DON'T MIND AT ALL, MISS JUPE! I'VE WANTED TO DISCUSS HIS THEORY ABOUT THE ACCELERATING SPEED OF LIGHT IN SPACE! MY OWN THEORY IS...
DO YOU ALSO BELIEVE THAT LIGHT REFLECTED FROM THE LUNAR SURFACE POSSESSES SPECIAL POWERS, CAPTAIN ADAM?


THE LOVELY DAUGHTER OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD DISCUSSED MOONLIGHT AND ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS WITH CAPTAIN ADAM LATER THAT EVENING...
WE AREN'T BEING VERY SCIENTIFIC, LEAH...
WHO CARES? WHEN THIS CRISIS IS OVER... PERHAPS WE...

SOMETHING IS WRONG, CAPTAIN ADAM! THERE IS AN OMINOUS PRESENCE IN THIS HOUSE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PROFESSOR?

FOR A LONG TIME, I HAVE FELT THAT SOMEONE... OR SOME *THING*... HAS BEEN WRECKING OUR PLANS! MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RIDICULED THIS THEORY... JUST AS NOW, YOU'LL SCOFF AT MY FEELING THAT THERE IS *AN ENEMY* NEARBY!

I'LL BE AWAKE ALL NIGHT AND THERE ARE SENTRIES OUTSIDE! NOTHING ON EARTH CAN REACH YOU, PROFESSOR JUPE!
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY SAFE, DAD!

IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY, DAD! YOU'LL FEEL MUCH BETTER AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!

SLEEP COMES QUICKLY TO THE OVERTIRED MAN! AND THE VISITOR FROM A WORLD FAR AWAY WATCHED IN UTTER SILENCE FOR A TIME...
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WHILE THE SCIENTIST SLEPT, HIS DAUGHTER SHIVERED IN THE LIVING ROOM OUTSIDE...
WHY AM I SO COLD? THERE'S A HORRIBLE CHILL IN THIS HOUSE!
I NOTICED IT TOO, LEAH... I'M GOING TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND!
THE SOURCE OF THE CHILLING COLD WAS A WEIRD BLUE BEAM OF LIGHT... DIRECTED BY THE ALIEN ONTO THE SLEEPING FORM OF PROFESSOR JUPE...
PROFESSOR JUPE, YOU ARE BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY BY YOUR ASSOCIATES AND BY YOUR GOVERNMENT!
YOUR THEORIES, INVENTIONS, AND WORK ARE MISUSED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT! STUPID MILITARY MEN AND SELF-SERVING POLITICIANS TAKE THE CREDIT FOR YOUR CREATIONS! YOU SHOULD DECIDE HOW YOUR WORK IS EMPLOYED!
YOU MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE! THEY ARE ALL BUNGLERS ANYHOW!
LET US PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES AND YOU ALONE WILL MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT THE SPACE PROGRAMS!
NO! NO, I WON'T DO IT...
YOU WILL OBEY, PROFESSOR!
MY HEAD... THERE IS COLD INSIDE MY HEAD! I WILL... I MUST OBEY!
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LEAH JUPE HAD HEARD A SOUND FROM HER FATHER'S ROOM ...
DAD? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
OF COURSE, MY DEAR, CAPTAIN ADAM, I WAS SILLY BEFORE! YOU GET SOME REST! EVERYTHING IS FINE NOW!
GENERAL BRILL, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT PROFESSOR JUPE! HE'S BEHAVING ODDLY AND I... NO, NOTHING DEFINITE, GENERAL, BUT...
GET SOME SLEEP AND STOP IMAGINING THINGS!
INTENDING TO BID LEAH AND HER FATHER GOODNIGHT, CAPTAIN ADAM FOUND THEM GONE ...
GENERAL BRILL WILL HAVE MY SCALP FOR THIS!
DAD, YOU'RE BEHAVING STRANGELY! WHY ARE WE RUNNING AWAY? WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, LEAH! WE'VE GOT TO MEET SOMEONE AT SILVER BEACH!
AN INNER VOICE HAD DIRECTED PROFESSOR JUPE TO SILVER BEACH ... AND A POWERFUL CRUISER! THEY WENT ABOARD AND THE BOAT IMMEDIATELY SPED OUT INTO DARK WATERS! DESTINATION UNKNOWN!
PLEASE, DAD... WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?
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THE SUN GOD

There was silence in the Great Hall of the Palace as the Emperor Yashiji arose from his golden throne and faced the nobles of his Domains.

"I have separated you into two groups," he began. "Those of you on my left and those of you on my right. And it is with a heavy heart that I see only a few at my right. For they are the ones who did not betray me and all the rest of you have been plotting my downfall. I shall let you have your say when I am finished.

I am well aware of the fact that Kuho-nishi has been negotiating with the Great Khan on the mainland. And that a fleet - the mightiest ever assembled is now nearing the shores of this beloved Empire of mine. I am also well aware of the fact that the soldiers of my palace guard have been given so much wine by you that their senses are dulled.

The signal for my Death is to be given by Yashukini. When he raises his left hand you are to all rush at me. And it should be easy to dispose of those loyal nobles at my right. You seem startled by the expression on your faces that I know your plans. And why not? Am I not a descendent of the Sun God? All the people in my Empire have been taught that since early childhood. And they believe it. But not you, those with evil in their hearts.

I will admit something very important to you. I am not a descendent of the Sun God. You see, I am the Sun God himself in mortal form. Last time I was here was about two thousand years ago. And at that time, the Evil Spirits led by Nogobi revolted against me. And their motive was exactly the same as those of my traitorous nobles today. To gain power and enslave the people. If you remember your history, you should know how they were punished.

Did I say history? Please forgive me, for to you it is nothing but a fanciful legend. But history does repeat itself. And just as I punished them, I will punish you. You shall all be taken to the regions below in the center of the world. Where Chunaka rules with an hand of iron and a heart of stone. Your estates will then be divided among those few nobles who have been faithful to me. Now what about the Great Khan and his fleet?

I shall permit his fleet to almost approach our shores. Then the Wind-Kami shall destroy his boats. A storm, the like of which has never been seen, will swamp all his boats but one. And that one shall be his own boat. I will permit him to live and return back home. To spend a life time of great regret for having listened to your counsel.

You seem a bit bored. As though you were just giving me a few moments to express my thoughts. And then Yashukini will raise his hand. Go ahead and raise that hand. See what happens. This is my challenge to all of you. See how he moves his hand slowly. Now watch it as it turns into a flame. You are unable to move away from him.

I told you that I was the Sun God himself! All of you who were plotting against me will now start to shrink in size until you are the height of my thumb. I see that my faithful few nobles have not shown any sign of fear. That is the way it should be. For the heart that is pure is also fearless. I shall divide up the estates of the unworthy ones. And you shall tell this tale of what you saw with your own eyes to your children. And they shall retell it to their children.

Since human nature is not pure, some day in the future there will be those who doubt the story. And nobles with evil in their hearts will try to plot again. But they too shall be punished. Now listen to me, those nobles who remain. You must always be kind and gentle. Nor do I wish you to fight among yourselves. You will govern in my name.

I shall pick my nephew, Shigoto, to rule this Empire. Just bear in mind that he is a decendent of the Sun God. He has been watching from behind the silken screen in back of my all that has just transpired. He will be a kind and just ruler. You will obey all of his wishes. No invader will try to come to our shores for many years. The story of the disaster to the fleet of the Great Khan will be an object lesson.

You may now return to your castles and rejoice that you were all faithful to me.

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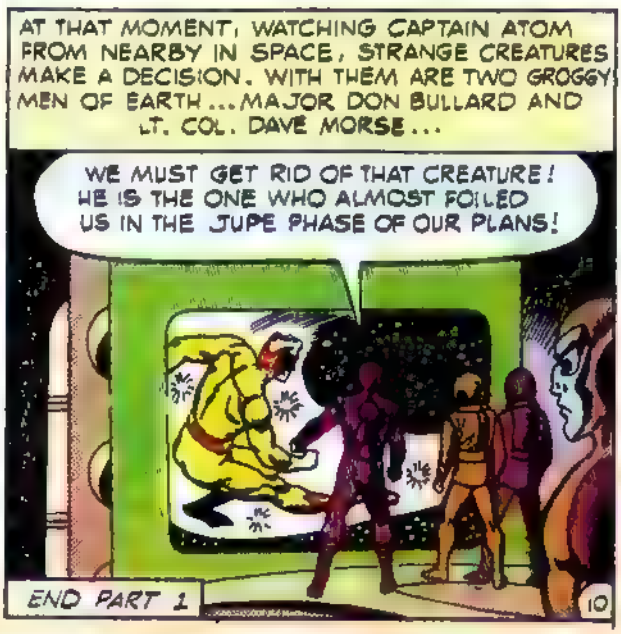
CAPTAIN ADAM HAD TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO CAPTAIN ATOM THE NIGHT BEFORE... AND SEARCHED THE ENTIRE FLORIDA PENINSULA... WITHOUT SUCCESS! WHEN DAWN CAME, HE STILL WAS TRYING TO LOCATE THE MISSING NUCLEAR GENIUS...
AM TRACKING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BUT HE'S FLYING THREE TIMES MY SPEED!
I'LL REPORT TO GENERAL BRILL! I'LL BE BLAMED, OF COURSE...
GENERAL BRILL WAS IN THE LAUNCH AREA... WHERE ASTRONAUTS MAJOR DON BULLARD AND LT. COL. DAVE MORSE WERE READY FOR BLAST-OFF...
WE'LL SEARCH FOR PROFESSOR JUPE AFTER THIS GEMINI ORBIT, CAPTAIN ADAM! YOU KNOW BOTH ASTRONAUTS AND YOU ARE TO WORK IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEM!
YES, GENERAL!
IF I COULD, I'D CANCEL THIS MISSION! WHOEVER OR WHATEVER IS SABOTAGING THE SPACE PROGRAM IS ENDANGERING EVERY ASTRONAUT WE SEND OUT!
HOURS LATER, AT BLAST-OFF, CAPT. ADAM IS TALKING TO THE CREW...
ALL SYSTEMS A-OKAY!
ROGER, DON! KEEP ALERT... WHEN YOU SEE ANYTHING WRONG, REPORT IT QUICK!

SUDDENLY, THERE WAS CHAOS!
NO READINGS HERE!
NEGATIVE PRESSURE IN CABIN!
THE HATCH IS OPEN!
IT'S HAPPEN-ING AGAIN!

LEAVING HIS POST, CAPTAIN ADAM SPRINTED FROM THE ROOM... WITH GENERAL BRILL SHOUTING AFTER HIM...
CAPTAIN ADAM, COME BACK HERE!

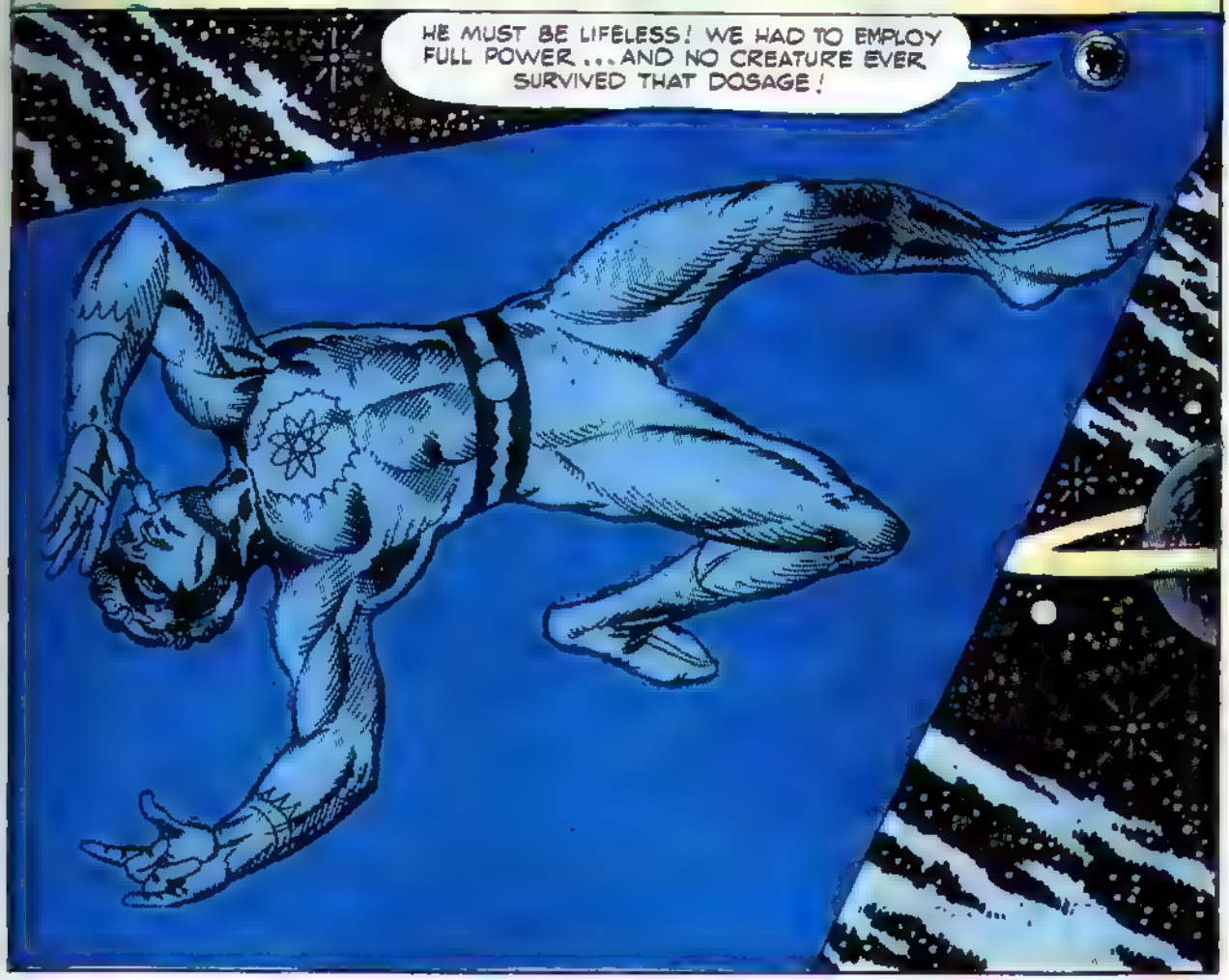
SCREAMING SKYWARD AT 20,000 M.P.H., THE MAN CALLED CAPTAIN ATOM SPEEDILY OVER-HAULED THE DOOMED SPACE CAPSULE...
THE SPACE CAPSULE... IS DAMAGED... AND THE ENTRY HATCH IS WIDE OPEN! BOTH MEN MUST BE DEAD INSIDE!

EMPTY!

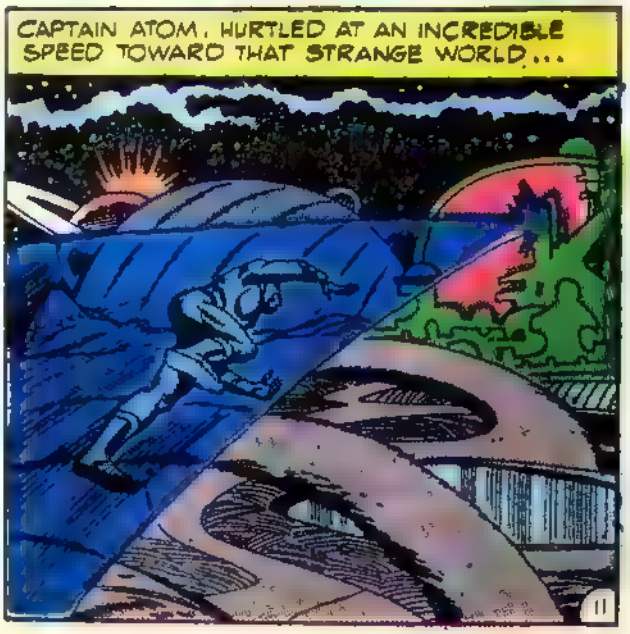

AT THAT MOMENT, WATCHING CAPTAIN ATOM FROM NEARBY IN SPACE, STRANGE CREATURES MAKE A DECISION. WITH THEM ARE TWO GROGGY MEN OF EARTH ...MAJOR DON BULLARD AND LT. COL. DAVE MORSE...
WE MUST GET RID OF THAT CREATURE! HE IS THE ONE WHO ALMOST FOILED US IN THE JUPE PHASE OF OUR PLANS!
END PART 1

PART II PLANET BLUE

THE ALIENS OF PLANET BLUE FOCUSED THAT WEIRD RAY ACROSS AN OCEAN OF SPACE... AND CAPTAIN ATOM, IMPERVIOUS TO ANY WEAPON KNOWN ON EARTH... BECAME AS RIGID AS DEATH IN THAT EERIE BEAM!



ANOTHER OF YOUR SPECIES IS BEING BROUGHT TO THIS PLANET! YOU TWO WILL BE PERMITTED TO LIVE UNTIL IT ARRIVES AND THEN THE THREE OF YOU WILL BE EXTERMINATED!
YOU'RE A FRIENDLY FELLOW, AREN'T YOU?



SOON
IT'S COLDER HERE THAN IT IS ON THE POLAR ICE CAP!
I CAN PROVIDE A LITTLE HEAT ANYHOW..
INCREASING HIS RADIATION, CAPTAIN ATOM SAW HIS CAPTORS GASP IN DISTRESS AND TRY TO GET AWAY...
EXTERMINATE THIS ANIMAL... HE IS A MENACE TO US!
HEAT WAS THE ONE WEAPON THEY COULD NOT COMBAT! CAPTAIN ATOM GENERATED NUCLEAR HEAT... AND HURLED FIREBALLS ONE AFTER ANOTHER AT HIS ENEMIES...
THEY'VE GOT SPACE SHIPS... WE'LL TAKE ONE OF THEM AND GET AWAY
CAPTAIN ATOM LED THE OTHERS TOWARD THE SPACE PORT...
THIS IS CRAZY... WE COULDN'T FLY ONE OF THOSE THINGS!
I WOULDN'T BET ON IT!
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CAPTAIN ATOM TOOK THE CONTROLLER'S SEAT! NONE OF THE INSTRUMENTS OR CONTROLS MADE SENSE BUT...

I'LL JUST KEEP TRYING BUTTONS AND SWITCHES UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS!

ABOUT THE FIFTH BUTTON HE HIT STARTED THE HUGE REACTORS... AND SUDDENLY THE ALIEN'S SHIP WAS SCREAMING LOW ACROSS THEIR PLANET...

HANG ON... I'M GOING TO TRY TO STEER THIS THING.

MADE IT... NOW IF I ONLY KNEW WHICH WAY EARTH LIES!

TURN RIGHT AND CHANGE YOUR PITCH READING! I'VE GOT VERY WEAK SIGNALS ON THIS GADGET WHICH SEEMS TO FUNCTION LIKE A RADIO DIRECTION FINDER.

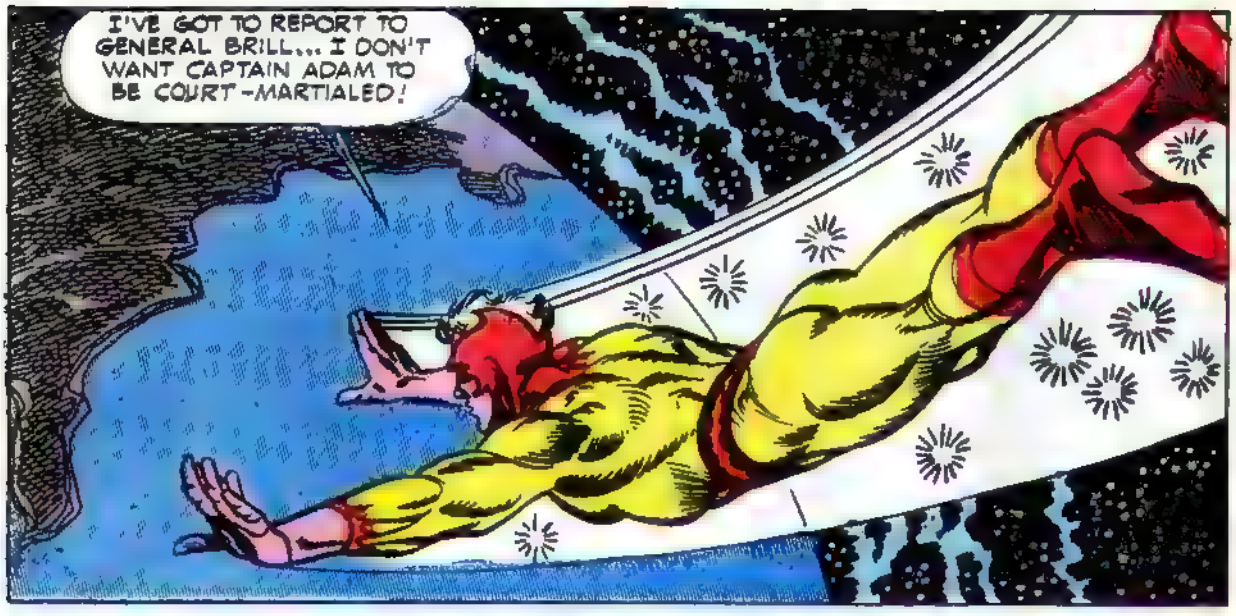
ALL THREE HAD BEEN TRAINED AS CELESTIAL NAVIGATORS... AND THEY KNEW THEY WERE ALMOST HOME WHEN THE SHIP ENTERED THEIR OWN GALAXY...

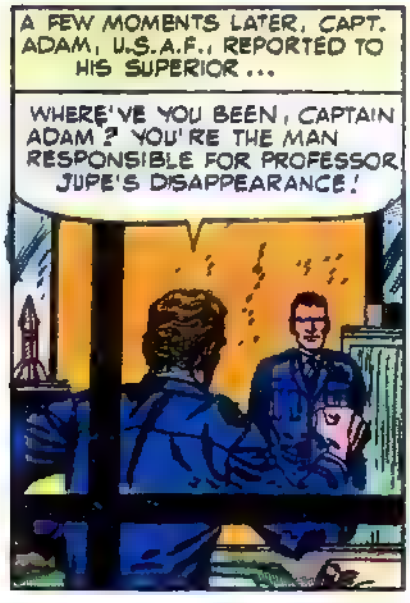
CAN YOU HANDLE THE CONTROLS NOW, COLONEL MORSE?

I SUPPOSE I CAN SIR. BUT WHY? YOU'VE FLOWN IT THIS FAR AND...

SUDDENLY, LT. COL. MORSE WAS TALKING TO EMPTY SPACE WHERE CAPTAIN ATOM HAD BEEN A MOMENT BEFORE...

SORRY, GENTLEMEN... I'VE GOT URGENT BUSINESS ELSEWHERE.

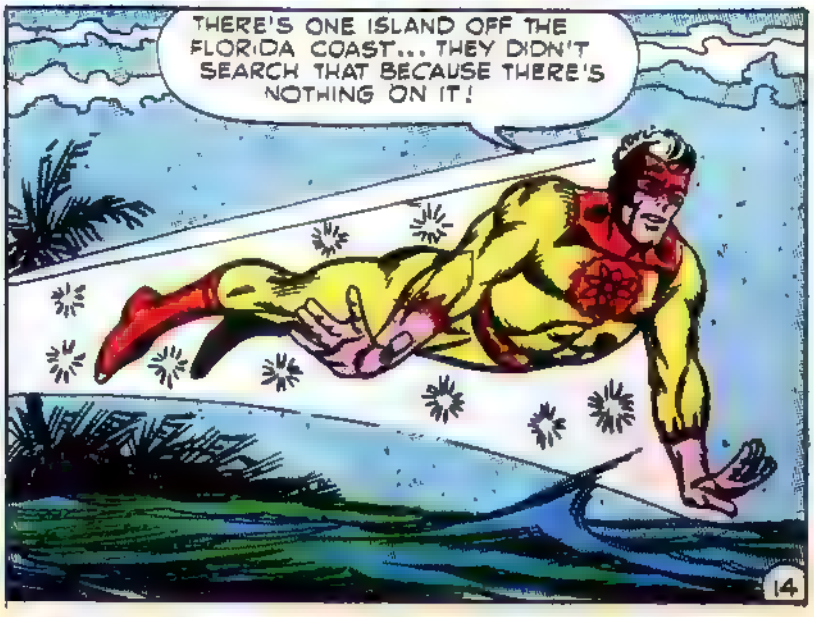

I'VE GOT TO REPORT TO GENERAL BRILL... I DON'T WANT CAPTAIN ADAM TO BE COURT-MARTIALED!

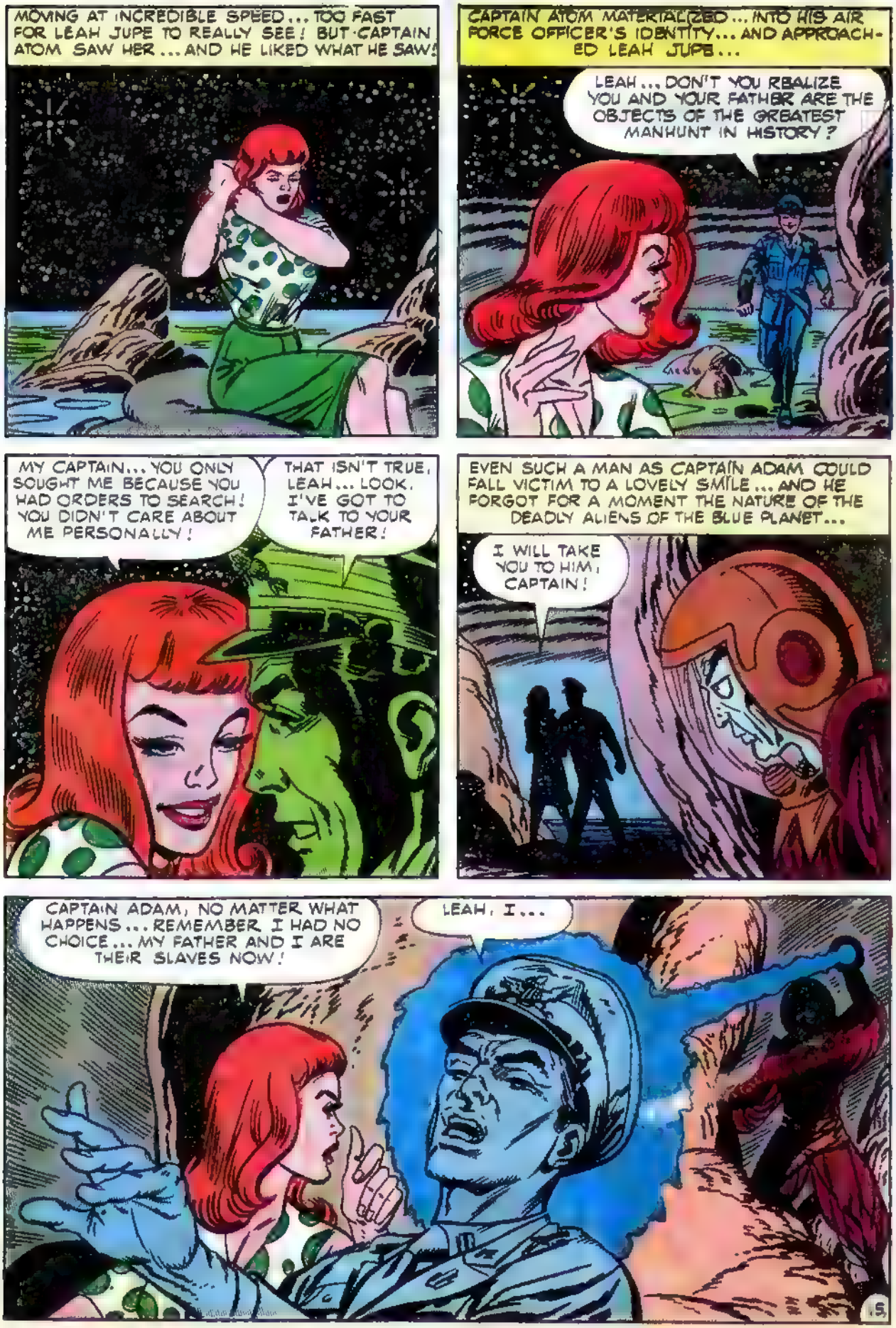

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, CAPT. ADAM, U.S.A.F., REPORTED TO HIS SUPERIOR ...
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, CAPTAIN ADAM? YOU'RE THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR PROFESSOR JUPE'S DISAPPEARANCE!

I'LL HAVE YOU BROKEN TO A PRIVATE AND SENT TO THE STOCKADE, CAPTAIN... FIND JUPE AND HIS DAUGHTER... OR ELSE!
I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!

CAPTAIN ADAM WENT TO COL. SANDOVAL'S OFFICE WHERE THE CHIEF OF THE AIR POLICE BRIEFED HIM ON WHAT HAD BEEN DONE...
JUPE JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR, CAPTAIN! NOW YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS ANYONE!

I'LL FIND THEM, COLONEL SANDOVAL! IF I DON'T, I'D BETTER GET LOST MYSELF!


THERE'S ONE ISLAND OFF THE FLORIDA COAST... THEY DIDN'T SEARCH THAT BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING ON IT!


MOVING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED... TOO FAST FOR LEAH JUPE TO REALLY SEE! BUT CAPTAIN ATOM SAW HER... AND HE LIKED WHAT HE SAW!
CAPTAIN ATOM MATERIALIZED... INTO HIS AIR FORCE OFFICER'S IDENTITY... AND APPROACHED LEAH JUPE...
LEAH... DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU AND YOUR FATHER ARE THE OBJECTS OF THE GREATEST MANHUNT IN HISTORY?
MY CAPTAIN... YOU ONLY SOUGHT ME BECAUSE YOU HAD ORDERS TO SEARCH! YOU DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ME PERSONALLY!
THAT ISN'T TRUE, LEAH... LOOK, I'VE GOT TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER!
EVEN SUCH A MAN AS CAPTAIN ADAM COULD FALL VICTIM TO A LOVELY SMILE... AND HE FORGOT FOR A MOMENT THE NATURE OF THE DEADLY ALIENS OF THE BLUE PLANET...
I WILL TAKE YOU TO HIM, CAPTAIN!
CAPTAIN ADAM, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... REMEMBER, I HAD NO CHOICE... MY FATHER AND I ARE THEIR SLAVES NOW!
LEAH, I...
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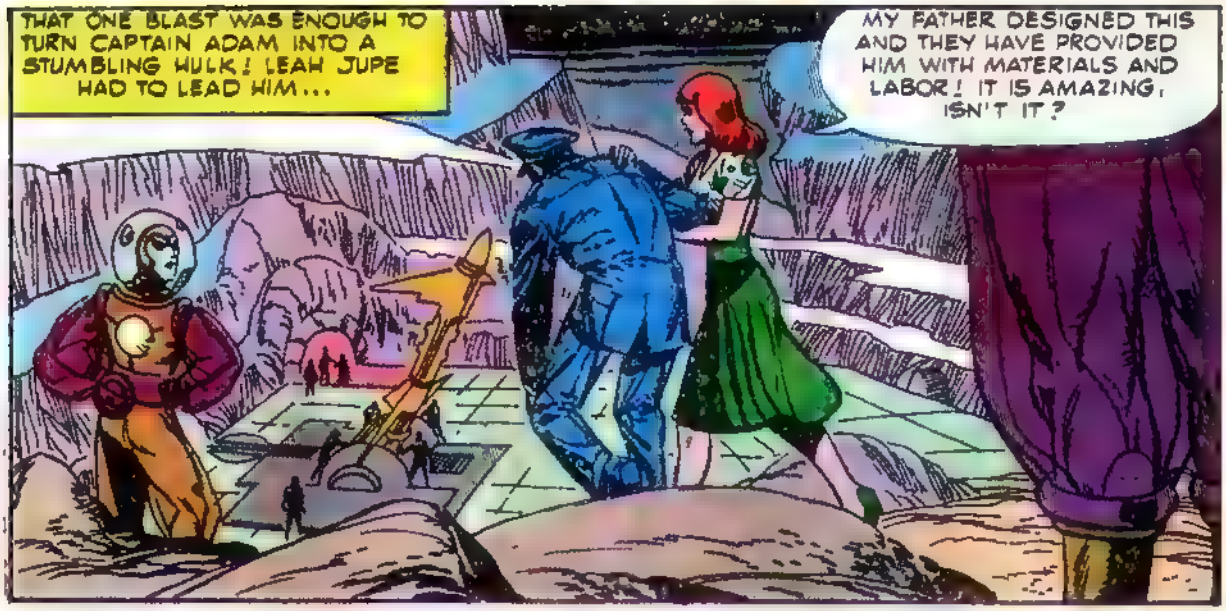
THAT ONE BLAST WAS ENOUGH TO TURN CAPTAIN ADAM INTO A STUMBLING HULK! LEAH JUPE HAD TO LEAD HIM...
MY FATHER DESIGNED THIS AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH MATERIALS AND LABOR! IT IS AMAZING, ISN'T IT?

FATHER, YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE THEM RELEASE CAPTAIN ADAM! THEY... THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING TO HIS BRAIN!
NOTHING PERMANENT, LEAH... ONLY FROZEN THE FRONTAL LOBES... SUSPENDED HIS ABILITY TO THINK UNTIL THEY NEUTRALIZE THE TREATMENT!

THROUGH THESE BEINGS, LEAH, I WILL GAIN POWER, RECOGNITION DENIED ME IN THE PAST! NOT ONLY WILL I DESIGN THE SPACE VEHICLES BUT I WILL DECIDE IN WHAT WAY THEY WILL BE USED!
THE FOOL--WITH HIS BRAIN "TREATED" LIKE THE OTHERS, HE IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING ANY DECISION!

THEY... WHY, THEY'RE MY... MY ADVISERS! THEY HELP ME! THEY GOT ME THE MATERIALS AND THE LABORERS AND ALL THE SKILLED ASSISTANTS THAT I HAD TO HAVE!

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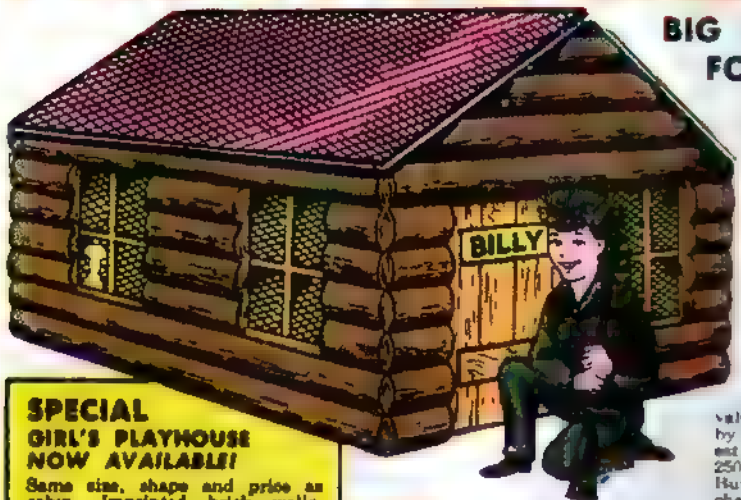

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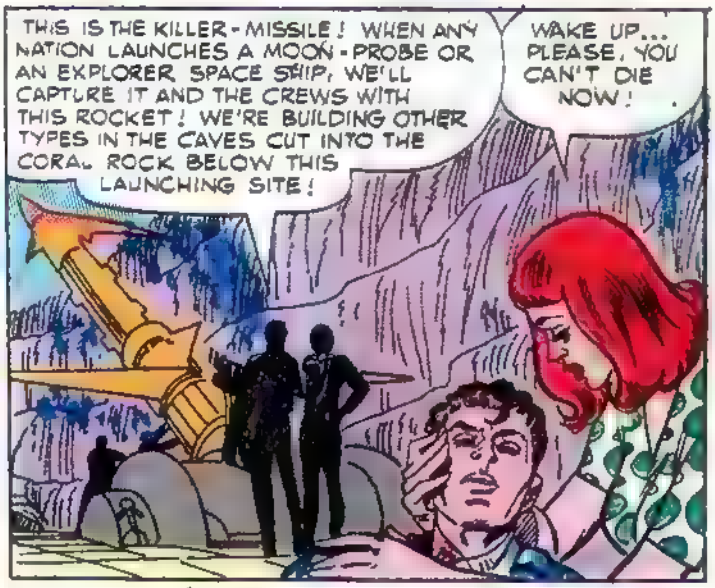
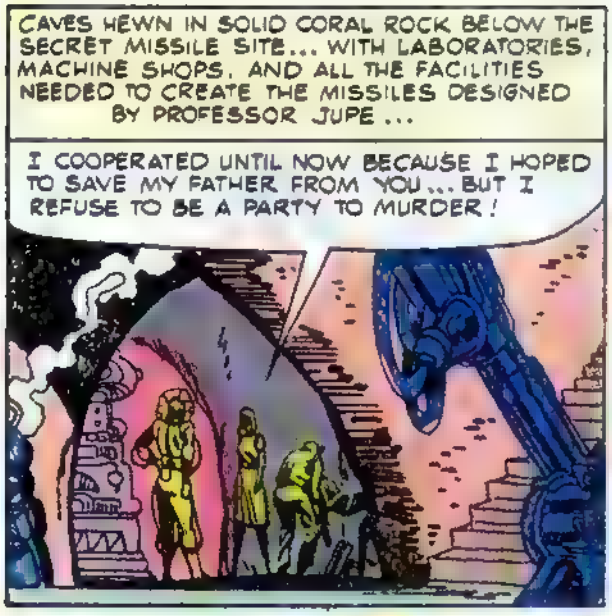
WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THAT?
THIS MAN IS OUR ENEMY! HE SHOWED A HOSTILITY WHICH WE COULD NOT TOLERATE!

DAD, DON'T DO WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO DO! REFUSE... DON'T BE THEIR SLAVE ANY LONGER!
SLAVE? LEAH, MY DEAR... I AM FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!

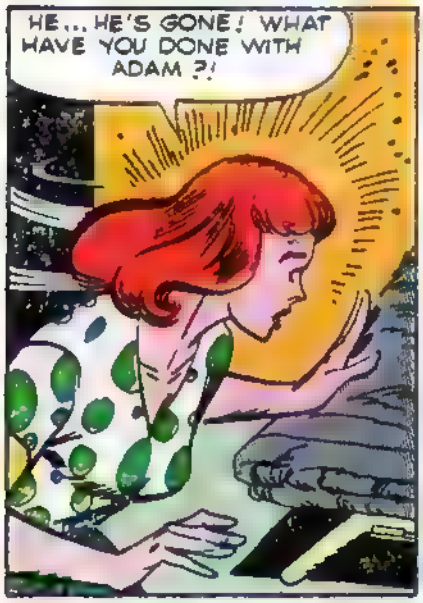

THIS IS THE KILLER-MISSILE! WHEN ANY NATION LAUNCHES A MOON-PROBE OR AN EXPLORER SPACE SHIP, WE'LL CAPTURE IT AND THE CREWS WITH THIS ROCKET! WE'RE BUILDING OTHER TYPES IN THE CAVES CUT INTO THE CORAL ROCK BELOW THIS LAUNCHING SITE!
WAKE UP... PLEASE, YOU CAN'T DIE NOW!

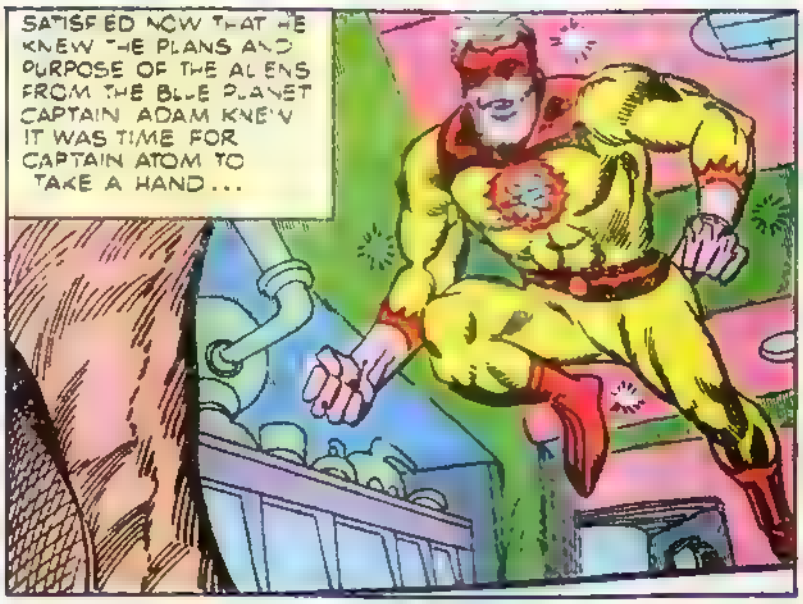
I WON'T DIE, LEAH... BUT I'M GOING TO PRETEND UNCONSCIOUSNESS! GET THEM TO TAKE ME BELOW!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MY DEAR...

HE MAY BE DYING! YOU BROUGHT THE DOCTORS TO THIS HORRIBLE PLACE! HAVE ONE OF THEM LOOK AT CAPTAIN ADAM!
IF HE IS NOT DEAD ALREADY, HE SOON WILL BE! GO WITH THE INJURED MAN TO THE LABORATORIES IN THE CAVES!

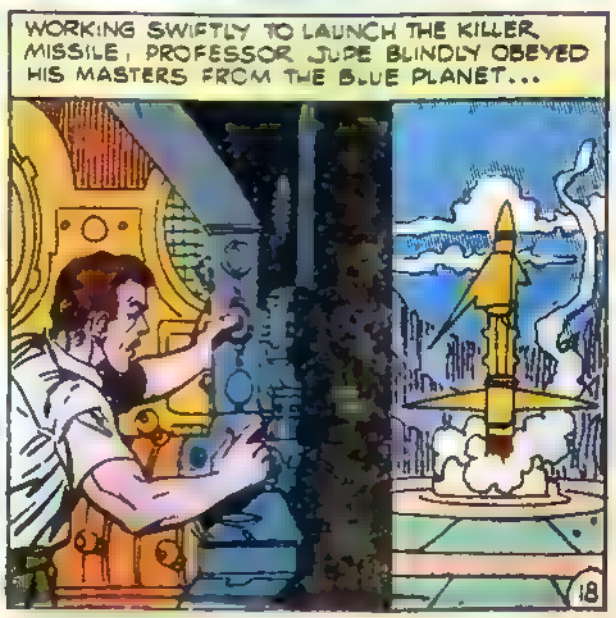

CAVES HEWN IN SOLID CORAL ROCK BELOW THE SECRET MISSILE SITE... WITH LABORATORIES, MACHINE SHOPS, AND ALL THE FACILITIES NEEDED TO CREATE THE MISSILES DESIGNED BY PROFESSOR JUPE ...
I COOPERATED UNTIL NOW BECAUSE I HOPED TO SAVE MY FATHER FROM YOU... BUT I REFUSE TO BE A PARTY TO MURDER!

YOU ARE AS STUPID AS ALL THE OTHERS AND WE WILL TREAT YOU LIKE THEM! IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER... WE ARE LOOTING YOUR PLANET... WHEN WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE WANT, WE INTEND TO DESTROY ALL LIFE ON EARTH.


HE... HE'S GONE! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH ADAM?!


SATISFIED NOW THAT HE KNEW THE PLANS AND PURPOSE OF THE ALIENS FROM THE BLUE PLANET CAPTAIN ADAM KNEW IT WAS TIME FOR CAPTAIN ATOM TO TAKE A HAND...

A ROCKET IS BEING LAUNCHED IN THE URALS, PROFESSOR! THE CONTROLS ARE SET AND THE TARGET SEEKING DEVICE IS READY! WE WILL LAUNCH THE KILLER MISSILE!
I ACCEPT YOUR SUGGESTION, DIRECTOR!


WORKING SWIFTLY TO LAUNCH THE KILLER MISSILE, PROFESSOR JUPE BLINDLY OBEYED HIS MASTERS FROM THE BLUE PLANET...
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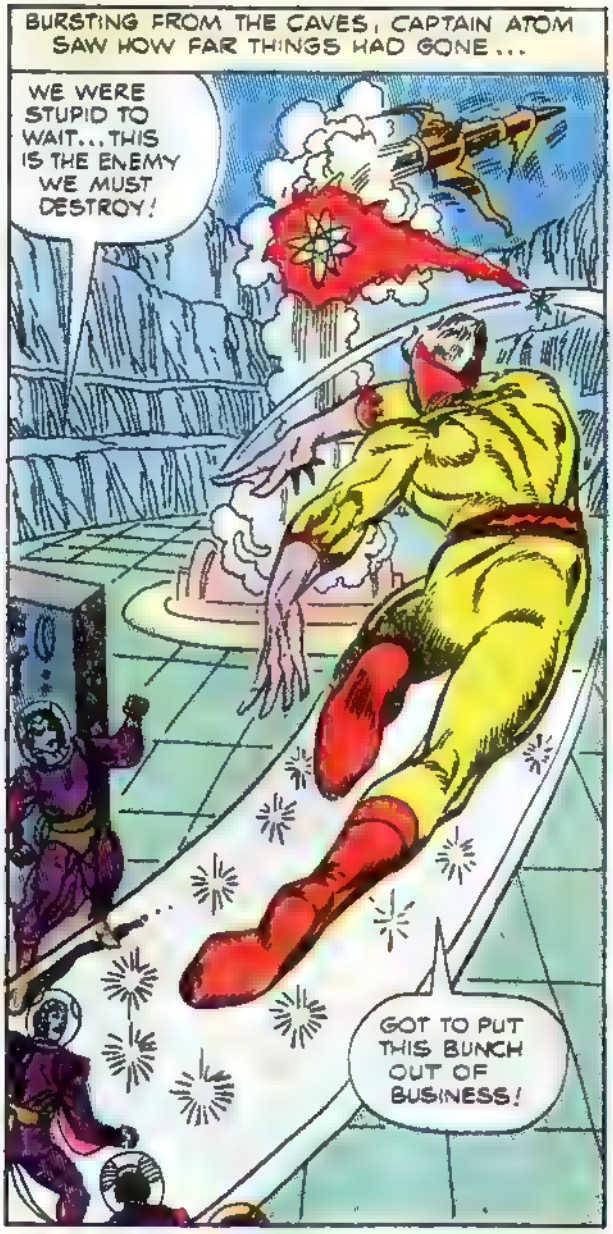
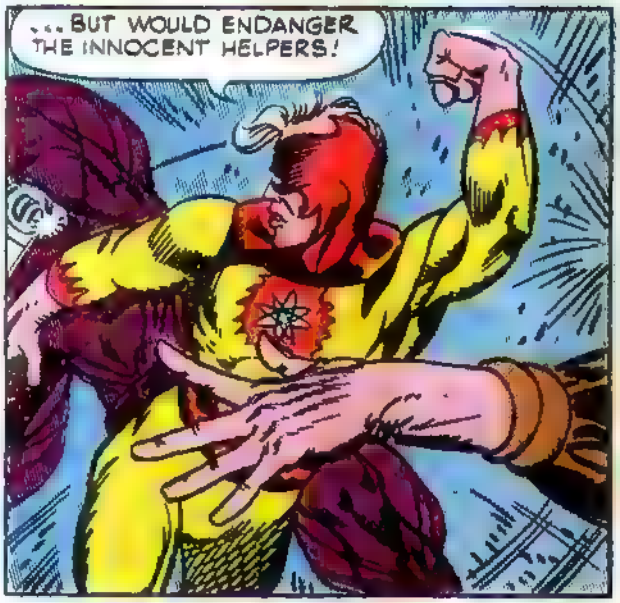
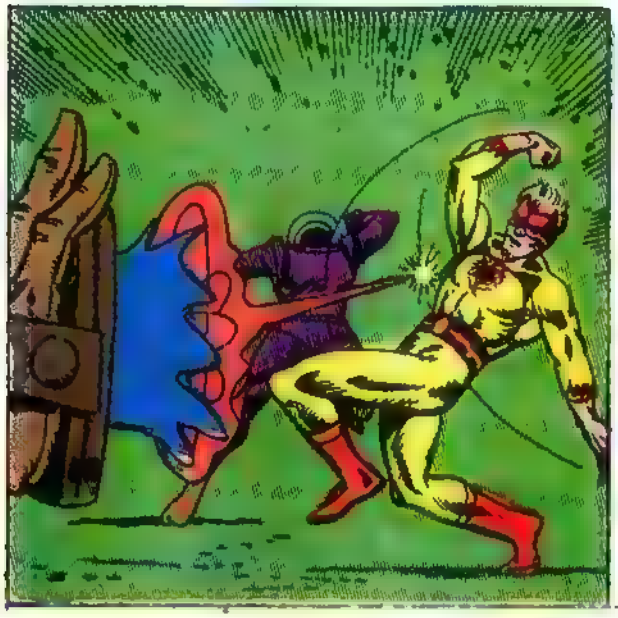
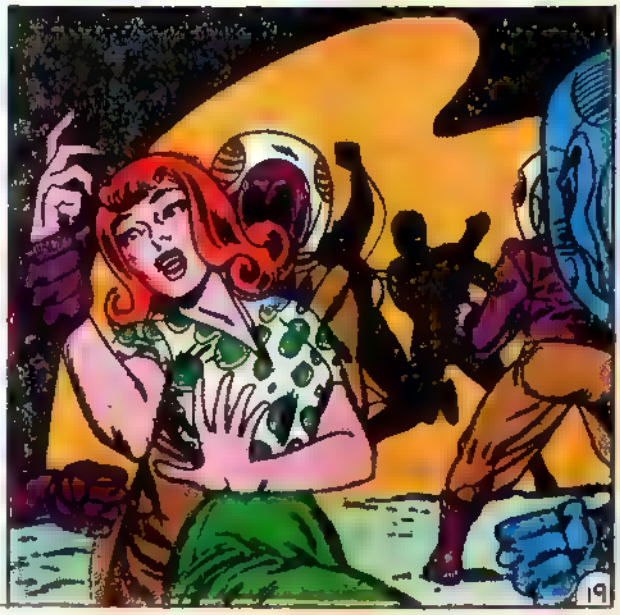

BURSTING FROM THE CAVES, CAPTAIN ATOM SAW HOW FAR THINGS HAD GONE...
WE WERE STUPID TO WAIT... THIS IS THE ENEMY WE MUST DESTROY!
GOT TO PUT THIS BUNCH OUT OF BUSINESS!

FIRE AND SEARING HEAT WOULD WIPE THEM OUT QUICKLY...


...BUT WOULD ENDANGER THE INNOCENT HELPERS!

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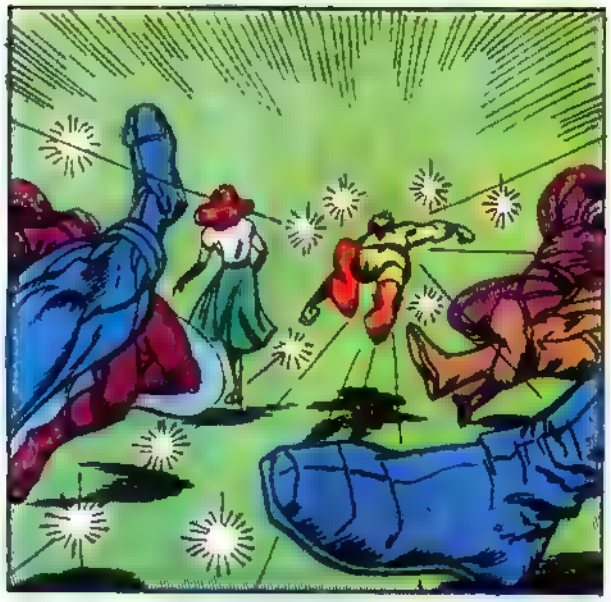
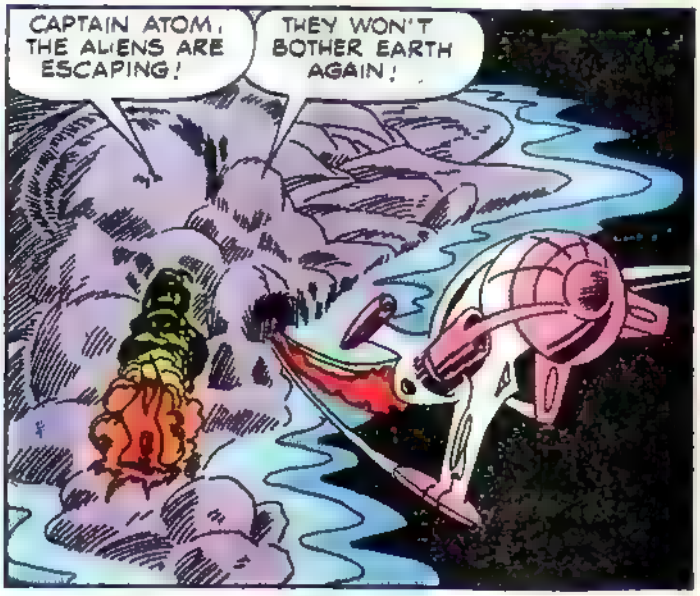


DON'T, DADDY... HE'S ON OUR SIDE! CAPTAIN ATOM... DON'T HURT HIM!
DON'T FIRE THAT GUN, PROFESSOR!

DEEP WITHIN YOUR BRAIN, CERTAIN CELLS HAVE BEEN FROZEN ... AND THIS INDUCED UNFAVORABLE CHANGES... WHICH CAN BE NEUTRALIZED WITH HEAT!


CAPTAIN ATOM, THE ALIENS ARE ESCAPING!
THEY WON'T BOTHER EARTH AGAIN!

YOUR DIAGNOSIS WAS CORRECT, CAPTAIN ATOM! THEY USED THIS SAME TREATMENT TO BRING THE OTHERS HERE, TOO!
THEY'LL BE SENT BACK TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM, PROFESSOR! WHICH REMINDS ME, I'VE GOT TO RUN ALONG!

WHEN CAPTAIN ADAM REPORTED TO THE GENERAL BRILL TALKED FOR AN HOUR STRAIGHT WITHOUT REPEATING HIMSELF ONCE OR SAYING ANY-THING NICE...
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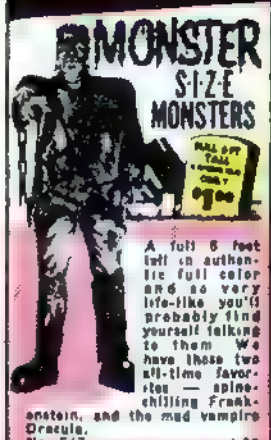

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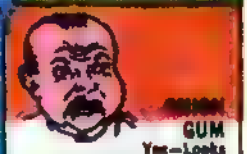

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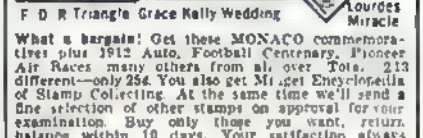

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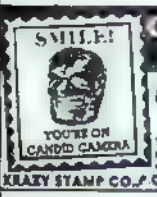

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the VAST UNKNOWN·N·N·N

STILL UNKNOWN IS SATURN.... WITH HER MOONS..... AND RINGS... AND BEYOND OUR GALAXY... LIE COUNTLESS OTHER UNIVERSES AND GALAXIES.... PEOPLED BY WHAT SORT OF CREATURES?

THIS YEAR, RUSSIAN ASTRONOMERS CLAIMED ***THEY*** HAD RECEIVED MESSAGES FROM A ***'SUPER-CIVILIZATION'*** BUT THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED THE SAME MESSAGES WHICH THEY LABELED ***'CTA-102'***

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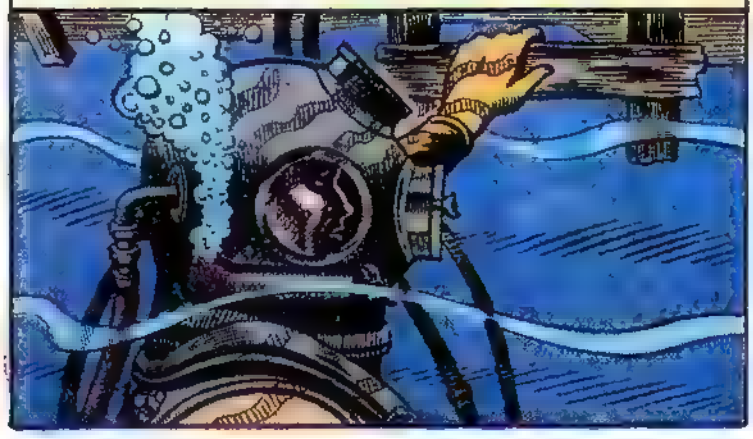
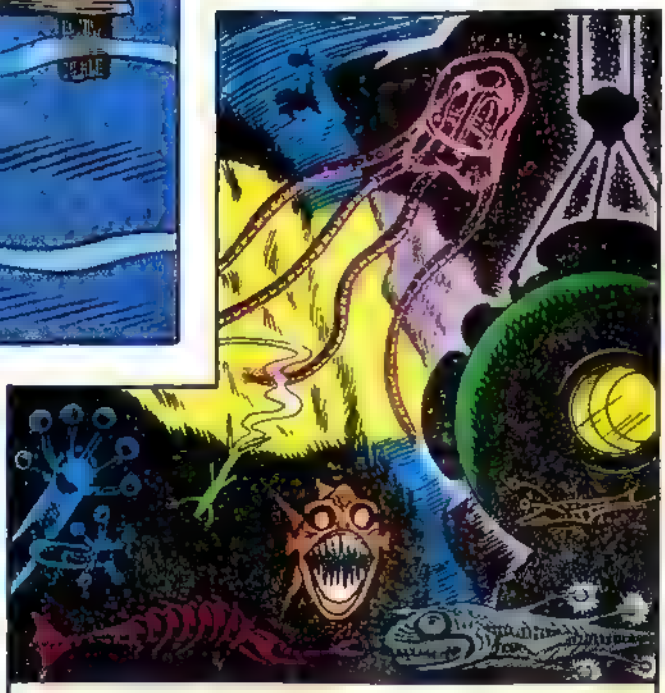
A FEW YEARS AGO, THE OCEAN WAS A ***VAST UNKNOWN***... MAN HAD GONE DOWN ONLY A FEW HUNDRED FEET... AND THERE WASN'T ANY UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY AS WE KNOW IT TODAY!

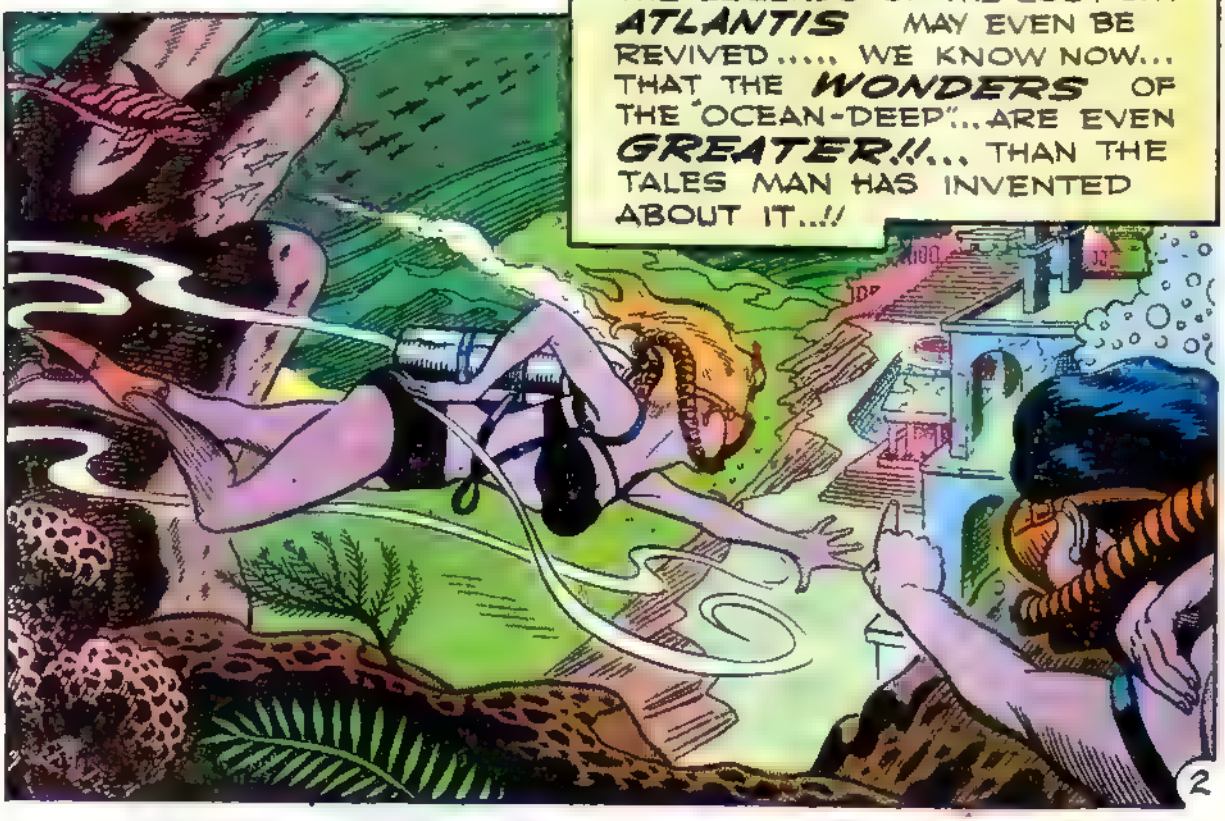


BUT IN THE LAST DECADE, SCIENTISTS HAVE GONE DOWN THOUSANDS OF FEET! THE OCEAN BOTTOM IS BEING CHARTED AND WE ARE AWARE OF STRANGE CREATURES INHABITING THE DEEP, ***DEEP***... WATERS.!!



BUT THE OCEAN IS NO LONGER THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF DARING SCIENTISTS AND UNDERSEA DIVERS IN THEIR CUMBERSOME AND EXPENSIVE DIVING GEAR! ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN ARE NOW DONNING ***SCUBA*** GEAR... AND FINS, AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SEA..!!

THE LEGENDS OF THE LOST CITY ***ATLANTIS*** MAY EVEN BE REVIVED..... WE KNOW NOW... THAT THE ***WONDERS*** OF THE "OCEAN-DEEP"...ARE EVEN ***GREATER!!***... THAN THE TALES MAN HAS INVENTED ABOUT IT..!!

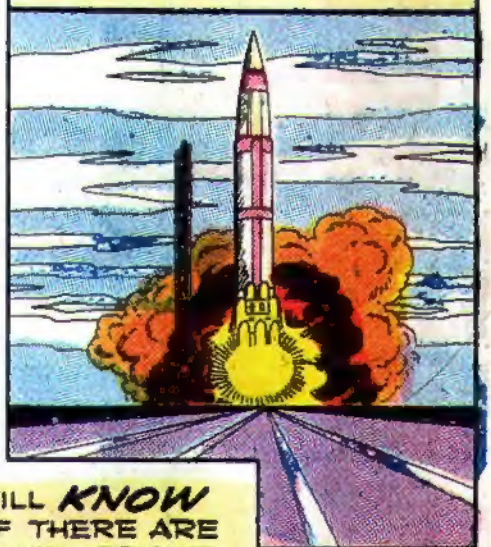


IN THE HIMALAYA, THE TOP OF THE WORLD, THERE ARE QUESTIONS... STILL TO BE ANSWERED/ WHAT ARE THE CREATURES... CALLED... ***THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN?!?***

SLOWLY, MAN IS SOLVING THE "MYSTERIES" OF HIS OWN PLANET/ THE ***VAST UNKNOWNS*** ARE SUCCUMBING TO HIS DARING AND INSATIABLE QUEST FOR ***KNOWLEDGE***....

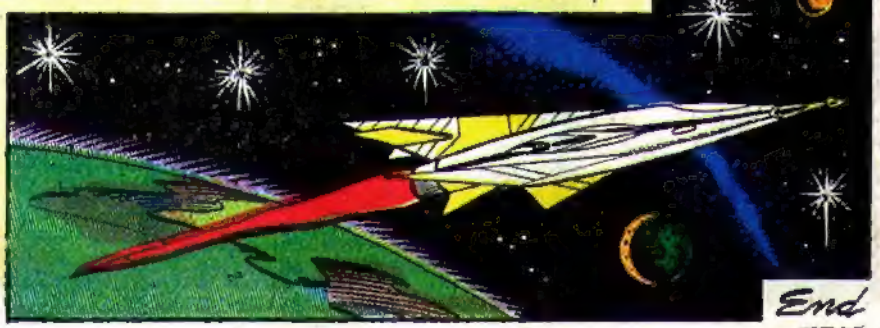
THE ONE VAST UNKNOWN LEFT TO CONQUER IS SPACE. FOR CENTURIES, WE HAVE LOOKED OUT INTO THE BLACKNESS OF SPACE... AND GUESSED WHAT THE MOON WAS MADE OF; OR... THAT MARTIANS WOULD LAND SOMEDAY AND CONQUER EARTH; OR...PERHAPS THERE ARE REALLY VENUSIAN FISHMEN... WHO BREATHE THROUGH GILLS!!

BUT, NOW, THE FIRST SMALL STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN ALONG THAT LONG, LONG ROAD.., INTO OUTER SPACE..!!



IT WON'T BE ***TOO*** LONG BEFORE WE WILL ***KNOW*** WHAT VENUSIANS REALLY LOOK LIKE.... IF THERE ARE ANY VENUSIANS, THAT IS! AND MARTIANS WILL PROVE TO BE FRIENDLY OR OTHERWISE... OR NONEXISTENT!

THE ***VAST UNKNOWNS*** ARE SHRINKING... BUT THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A MYSTERY FOR MAN TO SOLVE... BECAUSE MAN IS A CURIOUS CREATURE!!



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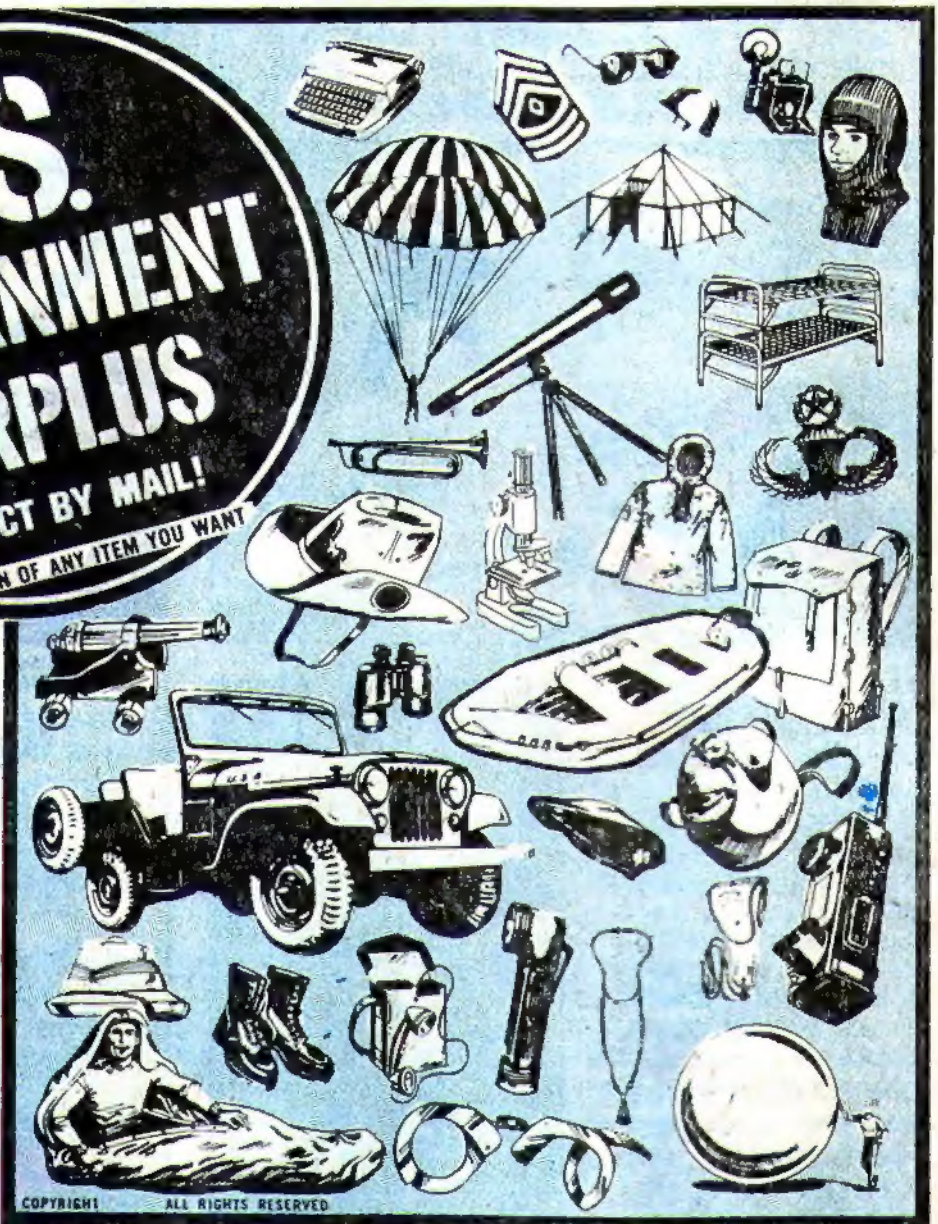

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